

Labor, HHS, Education

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Description

Briarwood College
2279 Mount Vernon Road, Southington, CT 06489
\$500,000

With soaring unemployment, this funding would increase opportunities for our local students to receive training in the specialized career of real time writing for courts and captioning for the hearing impaired. Briarwood College is home to the only program of this type in Connecticut and its alumnae serve in vital jobs that will stay in our community and grow our economy.

The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts
166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
\$250,000

The Bushnell Center's K-12 arts-in-education program opens pathways to learning through the arts for students who struggle in traditional classroom settings. Arts and cultural education are the likely losers when our schools districts and municipalities are facing steep budget cuts. This program will help ensure that our underserved children don't miss out on that key piece of their education.

Capital Community College
950 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103
\$162,010

Capital Community College, one of the most ethnically diverse colleges in New England, prepares and encourages students to pursue careers in math and science. Encouraging interest in these areas at a time when student engagement is declining is vital to our economic recovery and ability to compete in a global economy. Federal funding would help fill a gap left by decreasing state dollars for the institution and would allow the school to replace and modernize the laboratories that are key to its undergraduate programs.

Capital Workforce Partners - Career Competency Development for In-School Youth
1 Union Place, Hartford, CT 06103
\$500,000

This program helps students develop the tools they will need to be a successful part of the workforce in the 21st century. Working closely with trained staff, a student in the program will develop a career and personal goal plan to lead them from school to the workplace and into their future.

Capital Workforce Partners - Young Parents Program
1 Union Place, Hartford, CT 06103
\$250,000

Young families, where parents are under 25 years old, have a greater chance of falling into poverty and relying on state services than the rest of the population. With dwindling state resources to support these young families, the Young Parents Program helps transition and train parents for more productive and successful careers. Funding this program will help relieve the costs of poverty on our state budget and give these families the promise of a bright future.

Charter Oak Health Center, Inc.
21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106
\$1,000,000

The cost of medical care is skyrocketing and more and more Americans are finding themselves without proper insurance. The non-profit Charter Oak Health Center fills that gap by providing much needed medical care for low income and uninsured patients in Hartford neighborhoods. This funding would allow them to expand and redesign their facilities to provide patients with better service, keeping our communities healthy and productive.

Community Health Center
635 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457
\$1,000,000

Our area faces a looming shortage of qualified primary care providers. To fill that shortage, the Community Health Center will use this funding to extend their overwhelmingly successful nurse practitioners pilot program. Their focus on preventive care and the treatment of chronic illness will prepare them to meet the changing needs of an aging population.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center
282 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106
\$2,000,000

Funding for the Children's Medical Center will go to build a new state-of-the art Clinical Care Center to treat children with cancer and blood disease. The center, when complete, will create an optimal family-centered, multidisciplinary setting in which to treat our kids.

Connecticut Humanities Council
37 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457
\$500,000

As a former high school history teacher, Congressman Larson is particularly aware of the importance of imparting the history of our great state to local students and the lack of materials available to help do so. To engage our students in civics and our local history, the Humanities Council is partnering with local archives and universities to compile an "encyclopedia of Connecticut history online." The encyclopedia will illuminate major events in U.S. history by using Connecticut case studies, giving our teachers and students the chance to learn about the state on a technologically advanced platform.

Connecticut Science Center
50 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06106
\$250,000

Our economy is suffering because of a dwindling number of students interested in pursuing careers in science and math. When the Connecticut Science Center opens in spring of 2009 it will aim to change that. The facility will be focused on preparing the next generation of scientists and engineers through inspiring exhibit galleries and classroom programs. Because not all schools have the resources to visit the center, this funding will help the Science Center staff travel to underprivileged schools — bringing science to them.

Connecticut State University System
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06106
\$500,000

The Urban Youth Workforce Transition Program helps our urban youth transition from school to the workforce and gives them the skills they need to compete in the workplace of the future. Funding would support programs to train students for today's jobs in health care, information technology and engineering.

Goodwin College - Environmental Studies Program
1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118
\$400,000

Combining two of the most important issues of the day, the economy and the environment, this funding would help Goodwin College develop an undergraduate level environmental studies program. Students in the program could go on to pursue jobs in areas that will help preserve our environment and grow our local economy such as water management and environmental health. Jobs in the environmental sciences are expected to grow 25% by 2016. With this program, our local students will be poised to succeed in these jobs that will stay in our communities.

Hartford Hospital

80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06102
\$1,000,000

Hartford Hospital is a recognized leader in the treatment of stroke and vascular disease, the number one cause of death for people over 65. To maintain that status, create local jobs and improve care for critical patients, funding for the hospital would help construct a new neuro-interventional radiology suite. These suites provide technologically advanced care for patients suffering acute stroke.

Institute for the Hispanic Family
80 Jefferson Street, Hartford, CT 06106
\$500,000

This funding would go to expand the services the Institute for the Hispanic Family (IHF) can offer. From job placement services to substance abuse and family counseling, the Institute provides critical services to Hartford's growing Latino community. The Latino community is disproportionately impacted by high unemployment and poverty rates, making the services IHF provides vital to the economic health of the entire area.

Northwestern Connecticut Community College
Park Place East, Winsted, CT 06098
\$550,000

Connecticut has one of the most severe nursing shortages in the country. Yet nursing can be a rewarding and good-paying job that will stay here in our community. To fill this shortage and train students for a career in nursing, Northwestern Connecticut Community College will start up the state's sixth nursing program. By creating this opportunity for our local residents, we are improving our economy and our health care system.

Real Art Ways
56 Arbor Street, Hartford, CT 06107
\$250,000

In order to succeed in the workforce of the future, our students will need to be trained to use technology and digital medium. But our schools can't always keep up with the pace of innovation and technological advancement. Real Art Ways will create a program dedicated to providing students with the digital skills they need for the 21st century.

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center
114 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105
\$2,000,000

To stay at the cutting edge of medical education and improve the safety, efficiency and quality of health care in our area, Saint Francis will develop a center featuring new clinical medical technologies that simulate real world medical training. These centers are increasingly being used around the world to develop world class medical professionals.

Saint Joseph College
1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117
\$500,000

Saint Joseph College's school of pharmacy will expand professional and entry level job opportunities in Connecticut by training students for jobs that will stay in our communities. When the school opens in 2010 it will give its population of largely minority, female and first generation college students the opportunity to build a successful and rewarding career in the health care industry.

Town of Wethersfield
505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109
\$230,000

Local libraries are one of our communities' greatest treasures. They encourage our students to learn and provide gathering points for residents to convene. In order to serve our local residents and improve the efficiency of the systems they have in place, the Town of Wethersfield will update its library with a high-tech radio frequency identification system.

University of Connecticut School of Law
55 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105
\$2,000,000

The University of Connecticut establishes a Center for Energy and Environmental Law to prepare our attorneys to navigate the complicated legal workings that changes in the energy industry are likely to create. The source of our energy and development of alternative energies is one of the most important economic issues we face.

World Affairs Council of Connecticut
66 Forest Street, Hartford, CT 06105
\$150,000

Our economic recovery will require an understanding of the way the local economy relates to what is happening in the rest of the world. The World Affairs Council will bring an international dimension to local education and employment initiatives, preparing our students to work in a global economy.